(ख) स्टाफ और परिवहन आदि की कमी के कारण विशेष केन्द्रीय सहायता के उपयोग न किए जाने के बारे में कोई रिपोर्ट प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ।

(ग) परिवारोन्मुखी आय संवर्धन योजनाएं समेकित आदिवासी विकास परियोजनाओं के माध्यम से कार्यान्वित की जाती हैं जिसका उद्देश्य राज्य और क्षेत्रीय स्तर की योजनाओं के अतिरिक्त आदिवासियों को लाभ पहुंचाना है ।

Government accommodation for Journalists

2143. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute housing problem being faced by accredited journalists in Delhi;

(b) the number of accredited journalists in the waiting list for allotment of Government accommodation;

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct more houses in the near future to meet the demand; and

(d) if so what are the details there-of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) At present 109 accredited journalists in Delhi have been provided with Government accommodation. However, in view of the acceptance of the recommendations of the Second Press Commission, it has been decided not to make any fresh allotments to the journalists and to transfer all future vacancies that may arise in the Press Pool to the General Pool. The Press Pool will be gradually phased out.

(d) Does not arise.

Proper use of pesticides

2144. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to ignorance and illiteracy many people are not fully aware of the harmful effects of pesticides as reported in the Economic Times of 19th August, 1987; and

(b) if so, whether due publicity will be given to educate the masses regarding the proper use of pesticides including instruction to remove residential pesticides in fruits and vegetables etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) People are by and large aware of the harmful effects of pesticides. Due publicity is being given to educate the masses regarding proper use of pesticides through various Agricultural Extension functionaries by way of field demonstrations, organising farmers' melas/fairs, training camps, T & V programme, TV and radio talks and by distribution of hand bills, etc., at the Central and State level. The insecticide packages contain a copy of labels and leaflets which contain detailed information regarding their recommended usages, safe handling, precautionary measures to be taken while spraying and disposal of empty containers etc. Also, use of only those pesticides which are generally bio-degradable and less persistent in nature, is advocated on fruits and vegetables. The waiting periods, i.e. the interval in days between the last application and harvest of the produce when the residues of pesticides go below the prescribed residue tolerance limits are also recommended.